

REMARKS

STATUS OF THE CLAIMS

Prior to the entry of this Amendment, claims 1-15, 18-33, and 36 were pending in the application. Claims 16, 17, 34, and 35 were canceled previously in response to a Restriction Requirement which was withdrawn by the Examiner in the Office Action dated May 3, 2010.

By this Amendment, claims 1-18, 29, and 32-36 are canceled and claims 19, 24, and 26 are amended, leaving claims 20-23, 25, 27, 28, 30, and 31 unchanged. Claims 37-63 are newly added.

ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In the most recent Office Action, the Examiner has identified four patentably distinct species as follows:

Species 1: Embodiment of Figs. 2, 3, and 5

Species 2: Embodiment of Figs. 2, 4, and 6

Species 3: Embodiment of Fig. 7

Species 4: Embodiment of Figs. 8 and 9

Applicant hereby elects to prosecute Species 2 (Figs. 2, 4, and 6) and submits that claims 19-28, 30, 31, 37, 40-47, 49, 52-58, and 60-63 are readable on the elected species and may be generic to multiple species. Consequently, Applicants hereby withdraw claims 38, 39, 48, 50, 51, and 59 without prejudice and request these claims be rejoined upon allowance of a generic claim from which they depend.

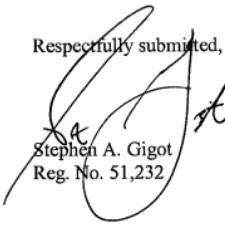
Applicant reserves the right to prosecute claims readable on non-elected species in continuation or divisional applications.

CONCLUSION

The Applicant respectfully requests substantive examination of claims 19-28, 30, 31, 37, 40-47, 49, 52-58, and 60-63 and also requests that the Examiner contact the Attorney of Record in the case that this may help to advance prosecution of the current application.

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